

Waterloo North Mennonite Church

Sunday, July 2, 2017 9:30AM

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) # 6 *Here in this place*

StJ (green) # 82 *Water has held us*

Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invocation:

Leader: We enter your presence Eternal God, Creator of all life.

People: We enter your presence Jesus Christ, the Way of Abundant Life.

Leader: Be present with us Holy Spirit, inspire our daily living.

**All: To the one true God, eternally three in one,
be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession:

Leader: God of boundless Eternity, God of graceful New Beginnings
God who lived with us in Jesus,

People: Our faith is uncertain, our conviction is weak. (HWB #703)

**But our fears are constant,
our anxieties have strong hold on us.**

We are anxious about the future of the earth,

We are anxious about the future of our children.

We fear for our security; we fear "the Other".

We fear the loss of the good things in this life we have built.

(see Lk 12:18-19)

We go through life fearing its end in death.

Save us O God! Help our unbelief!

(Mk 9:24)

Silence

Words of Assurance:

Leader: God says "I will heal your disloyalty and love you freely. *(Hos 14:4)*

Jesus said "Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid." *(Mt 14:27)*

Response to Assurance:

People: Therefore, if God is for us who can assail against us? *(Rm 8:31)*

**In Christ we have been given new hope and new life, and to this
newness of life we commit ourselves. Amen. *(WNMC Covenant)***

Hymn StS (purple) #116 *I saw a tree by the riverside*

Children's time

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Hymn HWB (blue) #229 *Lord, you come to the lakeshore*

Scripture reading Matthew 10:34-42

Sermon "The process of finding and losing"

Hymn StS (purple) #121 *Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

Benediction

Leading Us in Worship

Guitarists	Gordon Allaby, Daniel Kramer, Fred Martin
Song Leader	Fred Martin
Worship Leader	Gordon Allaby
Children's Time	Kendra Whitfield Ellis
Congregational Prayer	Lorrie Shantz
Scripture Reader	Katherine Allaby
Preacher	Kendra Whitfield Ellis
Ushers	Marg Koop
Sound	Scott Konkle

With gratitude and respect, we recognize that we are worshipping on the traditional land that once belonged to the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples. We regret the lack of respect given to the Indigenous people in the past, and pledge to work for justice and reconciliation.

Head sets are available, from the ushers, for hearing assistance.

Information Sheets with church news and activities are available on table in foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

Offering. For those who contribute electronically, offering cards are available or use loose change/cash so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

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Welcome Visitors: We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to learn more about our church and our ministries, including our care groups, education opportunities, seniors group or youth groups, and if you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact the church office or Gordon.

At Waterloo North Mennonite Church we welcome all people to participate fully in our Christian community of faith with all its expectations, responsibilities, and opportunities regardless of personal characteristics such as race, ethnic background, age, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, income, or education.

Matthew 10:34-42 NRSV (New Revised Standard Version)

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own
household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not
worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more
than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not
take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who
lose their life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever
welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever
welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive
a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous
person in the name of a righteous person will receive the
reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup
of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a
disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their
reward.”